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Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON Secret DATE: December 10, 1963

FROM : J. H. GALE

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
Dallas, Texas

Classified by 6190
Exempt from GDS, Category 5B3
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Director instructed that complete analysis be made of any investigative deficiencies in Oswald case and analysis made concerning any necessary changes in our procedures re handling cases of this type -- analysis re procedure changes and dissemination policies handled separately.

RESULTS OF FINDINGS RE INVESTIGATIVE DEFICIENCIES:

It is definitely felt subject Oswald should have been on the Security Index (SI) based on following facts: (This is based solely on information in our files, at time of and prior to assassination and does not take into consideration information subsequently developed.) (1) Subject's defection to Russia and statement that he never would return to United States for any reason. (2) Stated he was Marxist and advised Department of State he would furnish Soviets any information he had acquired as Marine Aviation Electronics Expert. Also affirmed in writing allegiance to Soviet Union and said service in Marine Corps gave him chance to observe American imperialism. According to State Department Oswald displayed air of new "Sophomore" Party liner at that time. (3) Upon returning to the United States Oswald displayed cold, arrogant, general uncooperative attitude and refused to take Bureau Polygraph test to determine if he had cooperated with the Soviets or had current intelligence assignment. (4) On 9/28/62 it was learned Oswald was subscribing to "The Worker," east coast Communist newspaper. (5) In April, 1963, learned he had been in contact with Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New York, and passed out pamphlets and had placard around neck reading "Hands Off Cuba - Viva Fidel." (6) Wrote letter June 10, 1963, to "The Worker" asking for literature saying he was forming Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans and he sent honorary membership to "those fighters for peace" Mr. Gus Hall and Mr. B. Davis (Ben Davis). (7) Arrested August 9, 1963, New Orleans, passing out Fair Play for Cuba pamphlets on street. Shortly thereafter interviewed on radio and said Russia had gone soft on Communism and Cuba only real revolutionary country in world today. (8) Contact with Soviet Embassy, Mexico September and October, 1963.

Field and Seat of Government employees who handled instant case maintain subject did not come within SI criteria. Inspector does not agree, believing that Oswald came within following category: "Investigation has developed information that an individual though not a member of or participant in the activities of subversive organization, has anarchist or revolutionary beliefs and is likely to seize

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PH- the extra copy is so you can note on this one anything that appears to be now or anything you believe is withhold or should be followed up on. Return this copy with any notes, please, for my subject file on Oswald in New Orleans.

NOTHING WITHHELD.

It appears strange to me that the inquiry of the NO FO was from the Inspector of the FBI, Gale, and that Maynor, NO SAC, who dictated this memo himself, did not direct any copy to the OO, or Dallas.

Whether or not it means it the suggestion is that there was an FBI internal investigation or a self-investigation.

And whether or not omitting Dallas is significant, it is a fact that by means ~~of~~xax not reflected in any record I've seen FBIHQ was aware that Oswald had gone to the Dallas office and left a note interpreted as a threat. That FBI HQ knew is kept as close to secret as possible.

SURE - WE HAVE A COUPLE OF GALE'S MEMOS - WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE THE WHOLE FILE - THE FAMOUS GALE MEMO IS 67-798-3050 (P. 1 ENCL.)

Ref. to Hosty memos LHO's ~~visit~~ ~~to~~ visit to DL
in 67-798-3048